

# Grand Canyon

There are places all over the world that people dream of traveling to and seeing first hand. One of those places is the Grand Canyon in the United States of America. This place has spectacular views that leave the traveler speechless. The Grand Canyon is full of animals, beautiful landscape, and many activities.

The Grand Canyon has spectacular activities. Travelers can raft down the Colorado River, or take a sweaty hike on the trails. Remember too that you can camp out in the wilderness. For a calmer experience there are mule rides, and horseback riding.

The geography of the Grand Canyon will dazzle your mind. 277 miles of the Colorado River flow through the Grand Canyon. 6 million years ago this river carved through the Colorado plateau. It is the largest canyon in the world. Mostly the canyon wall is only 4,000 feet deep, but one place in the park it is 6,000 feet deep. The canyon walls show many layers of the areas ancient animals.

The Grand Canyon's wildlife has a wide variety of animals. There are 300 different species of birds, one of those birds is the condor. The wingspan of the condor is 9 – 10 feet long but unfortunately they are almost extinct. Condors are eating prey that have been shot by lead pellets. Lead is a deadly poison to the condor. The black and grizzly bears are among the one of the largest canyon animals out there, at around 400 pounds. But still there are many more animals such as bald eagles, owls, rattlesnakes, mule deer, squirrels, bobcat, gray fox, and mountain lion.

All though out the park there are many places to go and things to see like the wild life and the landscape. This park definitely one of those places around the world that people dream of visiting

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